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1. AFL-CIO CONVENTION INVITEE MOHAMMAD SHARIF, PRESIDENT, PAKISTAN NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, HAS INFORMED CONSULATE GENERAL THAT IN ORDER TO ATTEND AFL-CIO MEETING AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT ICFTU CONVENTION IN MEXICO CITY, HE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE KARACHI BY SEPTEMBER 29. HE APPRECIATES EMBASSY ISLAMABAD'S EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE GOP LABOR MINISTRY TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF "NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE" IN TIME BUT POINTS OUT HE NEEDS TICKET FROM AAFLI NOW. ICFTU HAS ARRANGED FOR MS. SEEMA RAFIQ, PRESIDENT, PARKE-DAVIS EMPLOYEES' UNION, KARACHI, TO ATTEND ICFTU CONVENTION. SHARIF PLANS TO ACCOMPANY HER AND WOULD APPRECIATE AAFLI'S CONSIDERING WHETHER SHE MIGHT ALSO BE INVITED TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION, IN WHICH CASE AAFLI SHOULD ARRANGE TO COVER MS. RAFIQ'S PER DIEM IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHARIF AND MS. RAFIQ PLAN TO FLY ON PIA. CONGEN KARACHI REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONTACT AAFLI RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARIF AND INFORM CONGEN OF RESULT.

2. AFL-CIO CONVENTION INVITEE BASHIR BAKHTIAR, PRESIDENT,
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ALL-PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (LAHORE), HAS

INFORMED CONGEN THAT PRESS OF LOCAL BUSINESS WILL PRECLUDE
HIS ATTENDING SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION; HE HAS SO INFORMED
AFL-CIO. HIS GENERAL SECRETARY, KHURSHID AHMED,
LIKEWISE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CONVENTION VICE BAKHTIAR.
BAKHTIAR WOULD LIKE ABOVE RELAYED TO AAFLI, ALONG WITH
HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO AFL-CIO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
ANNUAL CONVENTIONK

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